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Petition from the residents of Manipur village, Udipi Taluk, South Kanara, District, addressed to the President, Manipur Panchayat, dated 15-9-54.

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The petitioners submit as follows:-

Manipur village is surrounded by rivers on all the three sides, South, West and North and is cut off from its neighbouring villages as there are no bridges over the rivers. Owing to lack means of communication, the village is very bac Therefore it is very essential that a bridge sh be constructed on the northern side over the Al River so as to link it up with Udipi Town.

The purpose of this petition is to poi out where exactly the bridge is to be built. Two roads start from Udipi and pass through this village; one goes to Karkal via Kukkikatte, west of Aleyur, Manipur, Madaninkatte, Belle, Ninjoor and Palli villages. This is the District Board Road. The second one branching off from the first road at Aleyur, passes through Mudu Kalmanje River and joins the original road at a place called Kuntalagudde. The second road lies to the east of the first at a distance of one mile. It has not yet been taken over by the District Board and is in a very bad condition.

The former road is running on the west of Manipur village and is at a distance of two miles from the village and the latter is three miles away from the village.

The western side of Manipur is more fertile and densely populated than the eastern side. Therefore, the road mentioned first is very useful to the people of the village. Hence it is quite convenient and proper to construct a bridge over Aleyur River where this road ~~passes through~~ is intersected by the river.

As it has come to our knowledge that a few residents of this village who are living in the ~~east~~ eastern

eastern part of the village are in favour of a bridge to be constructed on the eastern side, we hereby request the concerned authorities that they should see to it that the bridge is constructed over the Aleyur River on the western side.

A bridge constructed as suggested above would help our agriculture. We are willing to supply 300 labourers for ten days who will work without wages.

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Memo No. 8 6702-A/54-1 Dated 8-11

Sub:- Communications - Bridges - South Kanara district - Construction of bridge over Aleyur river - Suggestion of site.

Ref:- Petition dated 15-9-54 from the residents of Manipura village.

The petition cited on Kanarese together with an English translation is forwarded to the CE(H) for disposal.

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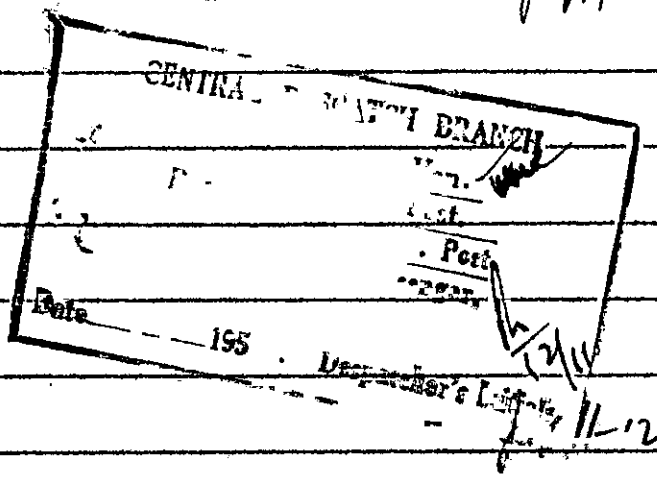


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MANIPUR PANCHAYAT P.O. No. 2/A 24/54 Date: 31.10.54 MANIPUR, P.O. S. KANARA

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MANIPURA PANCHAYAT,
Date: 22. 10. '54.

Secy. P.W.D
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From
The President,
Manipur Panchayat,
Manipur, Udipi, S. Kanara.

SECRETARY PUBLIC WORKS 1 OCT 1954
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MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS 30 OCT 1954 GOVT. OF MADRAS

To
The Minister,
Public Works Department,
Govt. of Madras,
M A D R A S .

Sir,

Sub: Bridges--Construction of a bridge on the Western side of Manipura village at "Doomakaria" instead of Eastern side at Kalmanje--Requested--Forwarding of mass petition.

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While submitting herewith the true copy of the Mass Petition received from the villagers residing within the area of the Manipura Panchayat, Udipi Taluk, S. Kanara District on the proposed construction of a bridge at -- "Kalmanje", along with the true extract of resolution No. 19 dated 25.9.1954 of the Manipura Panchayat, I beg to present the following facts for your sympathetic consideration and favourable orders.

I understand that during the year 1952, the site on the Western side of Manipura known as "Doomakaria" and another on the Eastern side of Manipura near Kalmanje were investigated for construction of a bridge and that the estimates were also prepared. The cost of constructing the bridge at the first site was estimated at Rs.1,21,000Ø- and at the second site at Rs. 86,000/-. I understand that the Divisional Engineer selected the site near Kalmanje for the construction of the bridge and that the District Board and the Superintending Engineer recommended the same in spite of popular opposition from all the surrounding villagers. It is now learnt that the Govt. have instructed that the bridge be included for construction for the current financial year and the proposal to construct a bridge at Kalmanje is being sent to the Chief Engineer

for approval within a very short time.

In this connection, I may be permitted to point out the to the Govt. that the site at Doomakaria is the most favourable one for the construction of the bridge, if at all it is the intention of the Govt. to cater to the needs of the vast number of people that reside near this place. This site is surrounded by low-lying areas such as Manipura, half of Alevoor and Kemthur which for the most part cover agricultural fields and the construction of the bridge here will be a great benefit that the Govt. would endow to the people; for, it facilitates economical and easy conveyance of agricultural products.

Since form time immemorial, this point has been a popular thoroughfare for transport, Commerce, trade and traffics. The road at this side going up a little further away, passes through Dendoor, connecting the other agricultural village of Kurkal and all the above villages with Udipi on one side and Karkal on another side via Belley. This is a pacca District Board road constructed at a very huge cost. There are also natural streams on its sides and the flood water freely flows through these natural streams.

As against this, I may point out that if the proposed bridge is constructed at the eastern part of the village near Kalmanje where the river narrows down, it will only isolate the above villages for an area of about 5 miles. This site is mostly covered by hills on both sides--to the north as well as south--and vacant lands in between, where the population is very sparce and may be estimated at only about 200. I may also be permitted to state that the Govt. is now considering the construction, of the bridge on this site, because of its lower cost ignoring altogether the great and imperceptible

benifits that would accrue to about 5,000 people of Manipura, Kurkal, Kemthur and half of Alevoor, if the bridge is constructed near Doomakaria.

I may point out that the rivers narrow down --as a matter of course--as they flow east away form thickly populated areas and this river also narrows down to a stream within a distance of 3 miles form Kalmanje where it would be still cheaper for the Govt. to construct a bridge. As all schemes should be worked out with a view to benifit the largest number of people, the heavy cost of work alone cannot be taken as the deciding factor. The work at this site is estimated to cost Rs. 86,000. There is no well formed road to the south of the river. A road which has recently been formed is a private road constructed by interested persons and runs on a hill. A separate road has therefore to be formed, after acquiring the present agricultural fields. This will hit land-owners as well as the cultivators. The road, if so formed will not be useful for traffic, trade and for plying the services as it would stretch across a hill. Further, the Govt.will have to spend heavilly for the formation of the road which has not been included in the estimate prepared for the bridge. On the northern bank of the river at Kalmanje, there are extensive fields. Because of the low-lying present road water, during Monsoon freely flows. On construction of a raised road, water would get logged on both sides of the road, as there are no natural streams there. Hence, the entire field is bound to be flooded, laying the crop a waste. There is a proposal to constructe a channel, but it may be stated, that this will not at all takeaway the heavy gush of water during the monsoon consequent upon which there will be hardship and loss to the villagers. Representations in this regard have been made by the owners of the fields, to the effect of that the bridge should not be constructed on

this site on the above grourds, as per their pitions dated 16-8-'51, 6-8-'51, 6-8-'51, 27-8-'51, 27.8.'51 addressed to the chief Minister, Madras, Collector S. K., Revenue Divisional Officer, Coondapur, the Collector of S. K. and the President Dist. Bd. S. K. respectively. It is understood that the neighbouring Panchayaths have also made representations but they have not been inquired into or considered. Apart from the above facts, the site near Kalmanje on the Southern & northern bank of the river is interlocked by hills, on both sides, that is to the east as well as the west. The land at this point is therefore like a valley, due to its natural landscape, and water will naturally flow down to the river. The river is narrow at the site of the proposed bridge and the current, there for is very swift--an additional factor to help flooding.

A few interested persons of the locality have been manouevreing to get the bridge constructed near Kalmanje. They have also promised to give a contribution of Rs. 10,000/. I am sure that the prepared estimate of Rs. 86,000/- for the work at Kalmanje with odds of disadvantages against, may not be correct and exhaustive, and that before long, many supplemental estimates will have to be prepared and added on to the proposed estimate, which in the aggregate, I am sure, will far exceed the cost of work, now prepared for the construction of the bridge at "Doomakaria"..that is, Rs. 1,21,000/-. The enclosed mass petition states that the petitioners are prepared to contribute free labour of 300 coolies daily for 10 days for the construction of the bridge at Doomakaria. I also understand that one Padmanabha Bhat of West Kalmanje, Manipura village, has represented to the Govt. to contribute a decent sum for this work and also to give necessary lands for widening the road approach.

Under these circumstances, the western portion known as Doomakaria is decidedly the most deserving site for the construction of a bridge, whatever its cost of work would be: (1) as it would benefit the cultivators of the surround-

ing thickly populated villages; (2) as it would connect neighbouging villages with taluk headquarters of Udipi and Karkal; (3) as the District Board has laready spent a huge sum for the construction of a District road along this route; (4) as representation ~~of xx Districtxroadxalongxthisxroutex~~ have been made by popular bodies and leading persons urging and praying the Govt. to do justice; (5) as those living within the area near the north bank of the river at Kalmanje have themselves opposed the proposed construction of the bridge on that site on rounds of loss, hardships and waste.

I, on behalf of the people, pray to Govt. to investigate into the question by deputing a high official, preferably the Chief Engineer, and to fix up the site, and favourably consider this representaion, and give weight to popular feeling and opinions by ordering construction of the bridge near Doomakaria whatever may be the cost.

I beg to request for favour of the reply.

Station:MANIPUR PANCHAYAT.
Date: 22 - 10 - 1954

PRESIDENT.
Manipur Panchayat.

Enclosure: *1) Mass Petition.
2) True extract of the proceedings of Manipur Panchayat.

Copy to The Chief Superintending Engineer, Highways, Coimbatore Circle
" " The Special Officer, District Board, S. Kanara.
" " Sri T.A. Pai, M.L.A. Udipi Constituency.
" " Sri N.N. Suverna, M.L.A. Diamond Bldg. Hampankatta, M'lore.
" " The Collector, South Kanara.
" " The Chief Engineer, Highways, Madras.

P.W(Hrs)

A copy of the petition in pp 1-9 of has already been sent to the CE(H). This may be added to the Memo at (J).

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To

The President,
Manipur Panchayat.

Petition dated 15.9.84 of the villagers of Manipur.

Sir,

Subject:- Affairs relating to the proposal for building a bridge to the river passing through Manipur and Alevoor villages.

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We, the signatories hereto, beg to submit the following:-

We submit that the Manipur village, though it covers about six miles from east to the west, and less than ½ a mile breadthwise, is nevertheless extremely backward in relations of trade and transport with the surrounding villages, as it is handicapped by unbridged rivers on three sides, south, west and north. Considered in the light of the growth of this village, the Alevoor river which lies to the north of this village, is highly in need of a bridge which would promote contact between this village and Udipi the headquarter of our Taluq.

We beg to submit, hereby, our suggestion regarding the place for the construction of the above bridge in terms of progress of this village and benefit of the majority of its people.

There are two roads, running from Udipi, and passing through this village. The first of these, which belongs to the jurisdiction of the District Board, reaches Manipur after passing through 'Kukkikatte' and the western part of Alevoor; it proceeds from Manipur to Edanirukatte and stretches eastward to Karkala via Belle, Ninjoor and Palli villages. It is a well-known fact that the District Board has, by now, spent some thousands of rupees for the improvement of this road.

The second of the roads referred above shoots off the first one itself at Alevoor, and after passing through the eastern part of Alevoor and after crossing the river at Mudukalmane of Manipur, it joins again the first road at Kuntalagudde. This road runs about one mile in east to the first road. It has not, till now, come under the jurisdiction of the District Board; nor has any amount been spent on improving the same.

Whereas the first of these roads is very convenient for all kinds of traffic, running as it does on an almost smooth level, the second road is positively full of ups and downs, and very unsuitable for traffic on foot as well as vehicles. The first road is about two miles distant from the west of Manipur; the second road is as distant as three miles.

Further, we submit that while the eastern part of Manipur is thinly populated hilly area, the western part largely consists of fertile fields, and is thickly populated. Out of the 3½ thousand peoples of this village, about 2½ thousand people live in the western part, that is, to the west of the first of these roads. Almost all of them are cultivators. That means, it is necessary as well as useful to construct the proposed bridge where the first of these roads reaches the river, so that ¾ of this village may be helped.

We have been, of late, given to understand that a few among those who belong to the eastern part of this village are manoeuvreing to get the proposed bridge sanctioned on the spot where the second of the above roads reaches the river. We hereby, request the Panchayat Members to see that no such sanction is given to for the construction of the bridge, and to make the necessary representations to authorities as well as take active steps to get the proposed bridge sanctioned and constructed on the spot where the first of these roads reaches Manipur. We further submit that in so far as we ar e agriculturists, a bridge on the spot desired by us will greatly

benefit us by providing us with all facilities for prosperity of agriculture. Therefore, We also hereby promise, that in case the Government sanctions the construction of the bridge on the spot suggested by us, we shall be prepared to constitute free local labour of about 300 members per day, for about tend days.

We remain,
Sir,
Yours faithfully,

MANIPUR,
Date: 15.9.54.

1. (Sd.) Anselma D'Souza Manipura.
2. " Madhava Bhat
3. " Nandyappa Shetty.
4. " Mahabala Shetty.
5. " Thimmappa Shetty.
6. " Ajanni Venkata krishna.
7. " M. Mammada Bary.
8. " M. Krishna Shetty.
9. " Narayana Shetty.
10. " L.H.T. of Lobbe Shetty.
11. " Victor Pascal Moraiha.
12. " T. Nandyappa Hegde.
13. " Sikamad Bary.
14. " Somanath Ramarbhota
15. " M. Srinivasa Bhat.
16. " Salu Bary.
17. " Thomas Prura.
18. " Sheku Bary.
19. " Anthaya Poojari
20. " Mourice D'Souza.
21. " M. Narayana Shetty.
22. " Mrdu Sripl.
23. " Girija Poojari.
24. " Ganiga Rama Shetty.
25. " Abdul Kadri.
26. " Lawrence D'Souza.
27. " Elia D'Souza.
28. " Gandachari
29. (Sd) Juliam Souza. Manipura.
30. " Manjappa M.
31. " M. Lalabalki
32. " Felica Prura.
33. " L.H.T. of Bashyam Prura.
34. " Albert Prura.
35. " Simon
36. " L.H.T. of Aselma Prura.
37. " Anthoni Suvaris
38. " Santhan D'souza.
39. " Doorica Suvaris
40. " L.H.T. of Kunhi Ahmed.
41. " Rejmund Suvaris
42. " Hilary Suvaris
43. " Robert Suvaris
44. " Agnes D'souza.
45. " Ismile Prura.
46. " L.H.T. of Simon Alva.
47. " P. Ammanna.
48. " L.H.T. of Gudda Mukhari
49. " L.H.T. of Achhu.
50. " Francis Fernandis
51. " Rema Poojari
52. " L.H.T. of Kanthu Poojari
53. " Gopal Shetty.
54. " Rama Shetty.
55. " Krishnaya Shetty.
56. " Pijina Poojari
57. " Gajara Shetty.
58. " Mansa Marakala.

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tube free local labour of about 300 members per day, for on the spot suggested by us, we shall be prepared to construct case the Government sanctions the construction of the bridge of agriculture. Therefore, we also hereby promise, that in benefit us by providing us with all facilities for prosperity

Yours faithfully,
Sir,
We remain,

Date: .

WARDUR,

89. (Sd) Simon Silva Manipura.
90. (Sd) Deva Prasad Ammanna Manipura.
60 " L.H.T. of Muddu Poojari
61 " M. Jalakshi
62 " Paddu Poojari
63 " M. Kóragappa.
64 " M. Jagannath
65 " Vittala
66 " Shuna Poojari
67 " Guruva Poojari
68 " Subramanya Bhat.
69 " Isuba Bary.
70 " Raju Poojari
71 " L.H.T. Chandu Poojari
72 " M. Jagannatha Shetty.
73 " Gellu Shetty.
74 " Ahamad Bary.
75 " L.H.T. of Ailu Poojari
76 " Abdul kadri
77 " Sundara Poojari
78 " S. Revadatta
79 " Kalu Shetty.
80 " L.H.T. of Somayya Bhandary.
81 " Abdul kadri Bary.
82 " Teodar Fernandes.
83 " G. Addina Bary.
84 " L.H.T. of Pappu Poojari
85 " M. Jabba Poojari
86 " Thambu Shetty.
87 " Abubaker.
88 " K. Krishnachari.
91 " Rajappa Poojari
92 " M. Sanjiva
93 " G. Subramanya Nayak.
94 " Sr. Ganapathi Shyambhogue.
95 " B. Sanjiva Shetty.
96 " Sr. Krishnaya Shyambhogue.
97 " G. Abbu Poojari
98 " Shishappa Achari
99 " Annaiya Shetty.
100 " Nandu Shetty.
101 " L.H.T. of Thoma Poojari
102 " " Angu Poojari
103 " M. Giriyappa.
104 " L.H.T. of Thakra Mulya
105 " Boodi Poojari
106 " Shyama Shetty.
107 " Narayana Poojari
108 " Sr. Padmanabha Bhat.
109 " Shuna Shetty.
110 " L.H.T. of Soma Madivala
111 " Sooku Poojari
112 " Guruva.
113 " Thanya Poojari
114 " Shyali Bantu
115 " Sanjiva Poojari
116 " Thammaya Shetty.

117 (Sd) Pijina Poojari
118 " B. Birmu Suvarna.
119 " Dugu Poojari
120 " M. Giriyappa.
121 " Kuttu Poojari
122 " Moidu Bary.
123 " Babyayachari
124 " Chayin Bary.
125 " Shyama Shetty.
126 " Gudda Poojari
127 " B. Vasudeva Kamath
128 " Vasu Shetty.
129 " Elyas Salins
130 " Koraga Shetty.
131 " Nandu Shetty.
132 " Varadaraja Bhat.
133 " Mauka Shetty.
134 " Achhu Poojarthi
135 " K. Gopalkrishna Upadya.
136 " L.H.T. of Chuma Mukhari
137 " Anna Poojari
138 (Sd) G. Shyama Shetty
139 " Narayana
140 " Shyabi D'Souza.
141 " Albert Martis
142 " Chandaya Shetty.
143 " Ladru Mukhara
144 " L.H.T. of Sabu Bary.
145 " Hilary D'Souza.
146 " Ijumithas
147 " L.H.T. of Koosu Poojarthi
148 " " Shushamma Acharth
149 " " Nityanandi
150 " " Angara Shetty.
151 " Abdul Kadri
152 " Paris Siquira.
153 " Basu Bary.
154 " Nanad Bary.
155 " Sanjeeva Kotian
156 " L.H.T. of Mela Poojari
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Certified True Translation from Kannada

N. Appu Bail
22.10.56

President,
Manipur Panchayat.

EXTRACT FROM THE PROCEEDINGS OF MANIPUR PANCHAYAT.

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Resoluation No. 19 dated 25-9-'54.

No. 19 Agenda: To Consider the mass petition submitted by the villagers of Manipur regarding the construction of a bridge to the river flowing between Manipur and Alevoor villages.

No. 19 Resoluation: (1) The petition of the villagers stating where a bridge to the river flowing between Alevoor and Manipur, would benefit the majority of the public, was accepted.

(2) Resolved that as stated in the petition under consideration, the proposed bridge will facilitate and benefit the public only, if it is sonstructed at "DOOMAKARIA" so as to be accessible to the District Board Road passing through the western part of the village and annually repaired and kept in good conditions by the District Board.

(3) Unanimously resolved to request the concerned authorities to sanction the construction of the bridge on the site of the District Board road passing the river at "DOOMAKARIA."

(True translation from Kannada.)

22.10.54.

PRESIDENT.
Manipur Panchayat.

P.B. No. 221/54-3

ASST. SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT 30 NOV 1954 PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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From

Sri K.V. Narasimha Acharya,
President, Kurkal Panchayat Board,
KUNJARGIRI, Post, S. Kanara.

MINISTER FOR PUBLIC W... 29 NOV 54 GOVT. OF MADRAS

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Secy., P.W.D

To

The Hon'ble Minister,
Public Works Department,
Government of Madras, MADRAS.

M(W)

Respected Sir,

... NOV 1954 PUBLIC WORKS DEPT.

Sub:- Bridges - Construction of a bridge across the Alevoor River on the western side of Manipura village at Doomakaria instead of eastern side at Kalmanje - Proposals submitted.

Ref:- 1. Mass petition dated 12-11-'54 from the Villagers of Kurkal, Udipi Taluk, South Kanara District, KUNJARGIRI Post.

2. Resolution No.116 dated 20-11-'54 of the meeting of the Kurkal Panchayat Board.

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I beg to submit the following facts along with the extract copy of the resolution No.116 dated 20-11-'54 of the Kurkal Panchayat and a brief notes from the mass petition of the villagers of Kurkal for your sympathetic consideration and favourable orders.

I understand that there is a proposal to construct a bridge across the Alevoor river in Udipi Taluk, and a few influential individuals are misleading the Government for their own interest to construct the bridge on the eastern side of Manipura and Alevoor village near Kalmanje where a Panchayat unrepaired road passes through, instead of the western side of the said villages where a District Board well maintained road passes at "Doomakaria" which is a thickly populated area and which is very useful to the general public of the Alevoor, Manipura, Korangrapadi, Kurkal and Bellt villages.

It is regrettable to bring the fact to your kind notice that the Engineering authorities have recommended the eastern site at Kalmanje as against the wishes of the large number of the poor villagers. It is understood that the proposal

to construct the bridge at Kalmanje(eastern site) with recommen-ations of the Engineering authorities is sent to the Chief Engineer for approval.

4/ In this connection I have to point out that if the bridge is constructed in western side at "Doomakaria" it will be very favourable to the vast number of the surrounding villagers to take their agricultural products to the nearest town of Udipi and also to Kurkal and get reasonable price. The road which runs through Doomakaria on the western side is a pacca District Board road in good condition and has more traffic while the other one running on the eastern side at Kalmanje is a Panchayat ~~private~~ one without annual repair and goes through very high slopes and also difficult to take vehicles. If the bridge is constructed in the east site at Kalmanje the largest number of people will not get the benefit of the bridge except a few [redacted] individuals.

5/ The estimates already prepared by the Engineers may show that the eastern site is cheaper than the western site, but we are confident that the democratic Government will never take into consideration merely the pecuniary side rather than the needs of the vast number of poor villagers.

6/ We are informed that the above villagers have submitted their petitions on 16-8-'51, 6-8-'51, 6-8-'51, 27-8-'51 and 27-8-'51 to the Chief Minister, Madras, Collector of South Kanara, Revenu Divisional Officer, Coondapoor, S.K. the Collector of S.K. and President, District Board, S.Kanara respectively, but unfortunately it appears there is no response.

7/ Under these circumstances, we, on behalf of the people request the Hon'ble Minister to go into the question and pass orders for the construction of the bridge at Dommakaria(western site) and meet out the justice to the largest number of people.

An early and favourable reply is awaited.

Office of the
Kurkal Panchayat Board,
KUNJARGIRI, P.O. S.K,
Dated 24---11---1954.

Yours faithfully,
K.R. Acharya 24.11.54.
President,
KURKAL PANCHAYATH BOARD,
KUNJARGIRI POST, UDIPI, S. K.

Enc: 1. Brief notes from the mass petition of the villagers of Kurkal dated 12-11-'54 to the Panchayat Board KURKAL.

2. Extract of the Resolution No.116 dated 20-11-'54 passed in the Kurkal Panchayat Board Meeting.

Copies To:- 1. The Chief Engineer, Highways, MADRAS.
2. The Superintending Engineer, Highways, COIMBATORE.
3. The President, District Board, S. Kanara.
4. Sri T.A. Pai, M.L.A., Udipi Constituency.
5. The Collector, South Kanara, MANGALORE.

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A copy of the petition on 1/1-3 above has also been sent to the CE(H) who may be expected to take necessary action in the matter. This may be filed with the memo at (K).

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Brief notes from the mass petition of the villagers of Kurkal, to the Panchayat Board, Kurkal, Kunjargiri, S. Kanara, dated 12-11-'54:-

1. The site to constuct the proposed bridge across the Alevoor river must be selected in West Alevoor known as 'Doomakaria' ferry.

2. A few individuals are trying to press the Government to construct the bridge in East Kalmanje for their own interest as against the wishes of the large number of people.

3. The road which runs through West Alevoor is under the control of the District Board having annual maintenance and is in good condition while the other one which leads through East Kalmanje has more ups and downs and is very narrow and ~~is~~ not fit to take the vehicles.

4. Kurkal village, being the agricultural centre will not get the benefit of the bridge if it is constructed in East Kalmanje. The people who are trying to get the bridge constructed in East Kalmanje will also have the benefit of the bridge if it is constructed in West Alevoor.

5. Government is requested to fulfil the objectives and demands of the majority people.

24.11.54.

*President,*
KURKAL PANCHAYATH BOARD,
KUNJARGIRI POST, UDIPI, S. K.

Extract copy of the Resolution No.116 dated 20-11-'54 passed in the meeting of the Kurkal Panchayat Board, Kunjargiri:-

Resolution No.116.

READ:-

Mass petition from the villagers of Kurkal requesting the Board to make representation to the Government that the proposed bridge across the Alevoor river should be constructed in 'Doomakaria' ferry of West Alevoor as the villagers of Kurkal will have more benefit if it is constructed in West Alevoor.

Resolved as the demand of the villagers is very reasonable, to request the Hon'ble Minister, Public Works Department, Government of Madras and other high officials to pass orders to construct the proposed bridge across the Alevoor river in Doomakaria of Padu Alevoor.

(True translation from Kannada)

24.11.54.

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KURKAL PANCHAYATH BOARD,
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